

MINNESOTA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM, INCORPORATED

NEWS LETTER & MEMBERS



STYLE PCC TROLLEY CAR! OUTSTANDING FILM SHOW

Mtm, Inc. received assurance this month that it will have its second trolley car" The Board of Directors of the Port Authority of Allegheny County (Pittsburgh, Pa.) has authorized the sale of their Twin City style PCC car Number 1547 to our Museum for \$100. Notification of the action, which was in response to a request from the Museum Board, came in a letter to MTM President George Isaacs from John W. Dameron, executive director and general manager of the Pittsburgh System.

The next step, according to Isaacs, is to develop a workable plan for transporting the 18-ton car from Pittsburgh to the Twin Cities. Suggestions are welcome.

"This car has a special significance for our Museum," said Byron Olsen, MTM executive vice president, "The first PCC car shipped to the Twin Cities in the 40s was one that was actually being built as number 1547 for Pittsburgh. Instead, it became Twin City Rapid Transit Number 299 and Pittsburgh Number 1547 was reordered. Now we are getting that reordered car."

The Museum's PCC is assumed to be in operating condition, and may even be in operation in Allegheny County. MTM was able to capitalize on plans to cut back Pittsburgh service and has obtained the car for what amounts to its scrap value.

Your (tax-deductable) dues and/or donation to the Museum is urgently needed to bring this project to reality.

HOLY ELBOW GREASE, BATMAN! (YOUR HELP NEEDED TO PUT DEPOT AND BUS IN SHAPE)

Who says nothing's bappening in MTM?? Those actively participating will tell you there's lots of work to do.

Two current activities need your help: Restoration of the Minnehaha Depot and cleaning and moving the Museum's WWII model Twin City Lines Mack bus.

Offer a few houss of your time...for work on the bus (possibly June 25) call Bill Luke at 781-8276...and for work on the depot (mainly painting and platform bricklaying) call Jim Bertrand at 645-7972. Jim's new bride may answer the CALL NOW - LEND A HAND phone.

MUSEUM TO ADD TWINCITY- NEXT MEETING: JUNE 15 ...

Two outstanding railroad motion pictures will be the highlights of the next MTM General Meeting June 15th. Our exec. v. p. and program chairman, Eyron Olsen, announces that we will have the fortunate opportunity to see "Last of the Giants", a 25-minute sound and color film showing the outstanding steam operations of the Union Pacific, including lots of action footage of the famous "Big Boys". The other film you won't want to miss seeing at this meeting is a half-howr sound and color story of the exciting Japanese Tokkaido Line, the 150 m. p. h. electric line between Tokyo and Osaka.

The meeting is being held on a Wednesday evening because it is the only time the films could be scheduled for our use.

MAKE PLANS NOW TO AFTEND ... AND BRING ALONG GUESTS OR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS.

***** NEXT MEETING - FRIM SHOWING * WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15th - 7:45 P. M. 7th FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM MINNESOTA FEDERAL BUILDING * 6th STREET & MARQUETTE, MINNEAPOLIS * (Enter door next to Minnesota *

federal Main Office entrance)

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NOTES IN THE NEWS

...ICC rejection of the proposed merger of GN, NP and Burlington lines has put a crimp in our plans for storage from the Great Northern for our rail equipment. Keep your eyes open for other possibilities.

... Thoreson Lines, a newly-formed bus company operating commuter service in the Burnsvilla-Savage area, has graciously offered us storage space for at least one bus in their garage. CUR THANKS. ... Note the surge of interest in rapid transit for the Twin Cities. The Saint Paul Area C of C plan for a Saint Paul-Minneapolis-Airport-Stadium system got headline coverage in the New York Times! MTM, Inc. NEWS LETTER FOR MEMBERS ... Jim Harrison, vice president of public relations and editor. Phone 222-5561.



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